

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/892,490 Confirmation No. 3152  
Applicant : Robert Everett Parkhill et al  
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Customer No. : 07380

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U. S. A.

**EXPEDITED HANDLING**  
**REQUESTED**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, the Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.